

RESPONSE

This Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and Response is responsive to the final Office Action mailed September 28, 2009.

Applicant presents arguments to prove patentability of the joined amended set of claims in which claim 1 has been combined with claim 5 and two new claims have been added to further specify the type of the conference. These two new claims claim features which are included in the specification as filed and printed in Application Publication No. US2007/0106727 A1 on pages 21 (paragraphs [0133], [0134] and [0135]) and 23 (paragraph [0145]).

The invention relates to a system which eases the technical process of establishing a collaboration session between a plurality of clients.

To achieve this result, the invention allows a client to send a message to a messaging system which is associated with a collaboration session manager. The messaging system is able to receive the message transmitted by one of the clients. The collaboration session manager can notify the plurality of clients of the activation of the collaboration session.

Complicated technical manipulations are not required to allow the plurality of clients to access the collaboration session.

The Examiner considers that claims 1 to 16 are unpatentable over Qi et al. (US 2004/0215784) (35USC102e).

Applicant presents a new set of claims in which claim 1 and claim 5 have been combined. Independent claims 7, 12 and 13-16 have similarly been amended.

Qi et al. relates to a distributed management method for a collaboration session which involves local and distant servers.

Unlike Qi et al., claim 1 introduces a feature that relates to the type of the collaboration session (a feature which was previously claimed in claim 5). In paragraph [0023] Qi et al. discloses the general procedure which is initiated to create a collaboration session. In this

procedure, it is told that the user sends a request to the CSM. The request includes a list of invitees to the collaboration session.

In paragraph [0029] Qi et al. discloses the identification method which is used to ensure that a user is allowed access to the collaboration session.

Qi et al. does not suggest that the “request” which is transmitted to the CSM can be of various types, each type corresponding to a specific address associated with the plurality of addresses of the messaging system.

Thus, the invention allows specifying a particular collaboration session type by employing a specific address associated with the messaging system. For example, if the user wishes to initiate a “white board” collaboration session, he sends the message to the address “tableaublanc@domain.com”, whereas if the user wishes to initiate a Visio conference, he sends the message to the address “visioconference@domain.com”. Thus, amended claim 1 is not anticipated (35USC 102).

Claim 1 is unobvious (35 USC 103). For example, a problem solved by claim 1 could be: “how to simplify the generation of a collaboration session of a specific type?” The use (and transmission) of an electronic message (email) to a specific address by the user is clearly inventive because it is simpler to:

- create a collaboration session for the user;
- realize the transmission of the message to the session activation device 120 by using a messaging server 110.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Should a telephonic interview with the undersigned be considered helpful by the Examiner, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

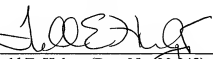
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